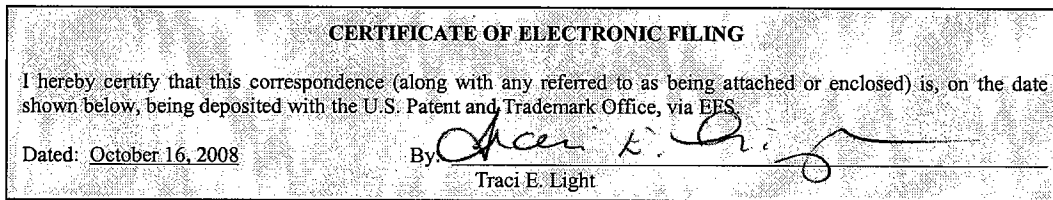


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Entitled: **Plastid Division and Related Genes and Proteins, and Methods of Use**

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT
AMENDMENT MAILED AUGUST 26, 2008**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir or Madam:

Regarding an Office Action in the subject case mailed to Applicant on February 26, 2008 and responded to by applicant, with an amendment, on May 27, 2008: Applicant now responds to the above-cited Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Examiner notes that the claims of the amendment document were not presented in ascending numerical order. Evidently, new claims 44-55 were erroneously numbered. Beginning on page two of this communication, please find a replacement for the "Amendments to the Claims" section of that document. The replacement section now correctly presents the status of all claims with instructions for entry pursuant to 37 CFR §1.21.